

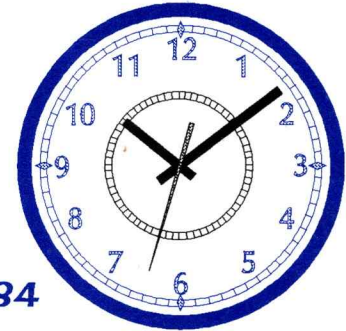
IT'S ABOUT TIME!

IT'S ABOUT TIME...

you get back to a reunion to see old friends and make new ones

IT'S ABOUT TIME...

the cadets from the Class of '84 get certificates showing that they would have graduated in June of '84



IT'S ABOUT TIME *we all gave a little of OUR time to keep AMA's name alive and flourishing*

**Make plans
now to
attend!**

**Full details
in the first
Bayonet of
2004 !**



**22 - 23 -24
APRIL
2004**

**A week earlier
than usual.
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We are looking for Silent Auction sale items

We need your help in making the Silent Auction at Reunion 2004 a big success!

In past years, what have we had to offer at the Silent Auction? Well, **airline tickets - sports items - a handmade cherry desk - historical pictures and frames - AMA related items - a Civil War saber - books - handmade quilts and angels - hams - and even some Confederate money!**

The old story remains true - one person's junk is another person's treasure. Be thinking about what you can donate to make the 2004 Silent Auction a big success. In our top year, AMA made \$6,000 at the auction, thanks to our thoughtful friends.

Auction Chairman **Dave Conrad, '59**, says he is

looking for an outstanding auction at the reunion. "Of course, that depends on what kinds of things we have to offer," he says. "I am hoping that our friends and alumni will think hard about what they can offer for sale at the auction because the more quality things we have, the more money will come in for AMA."

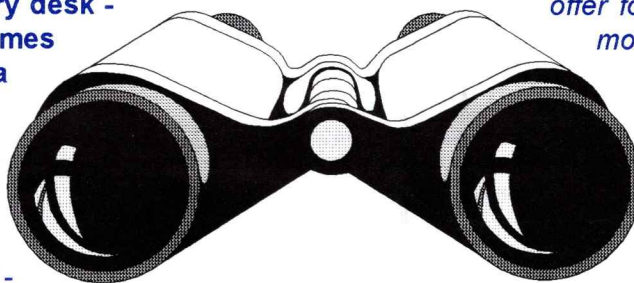
If you have any big items for the auction, please notify Dave at: daveconrad@aol.com, or phone the AMA Alumni House at 540/248-3007.

When you come to the reunion, bring any items for the Silent Auction

to the registration area at the Holiday Inn.

The auction begins at 8:00 AM Friday 23 April.

It closes promptly at 9:30 PM on Saturday 24 April. Please help the 2004 auction be the biggest success to date! Thank you!



A letter from the President

Is it already time for the 2004 Reunion? It seems like we were just in the Shenandoah Valley a month ago seeing old friends and enjoying the special camaraderie known only by AMA cadets. Remember: the reunion is a week earlier in 2004 – the last weekend in April: **22, 23, & 24 APRIL**.

The reunion committee has been working hard for the last six months coordinating the events, booking rooms, arranging for the hospitality and food service and have designed what will be another successful reunion.

In this special mailer, you'll find details of the schedule, including the booked and potentially booked guests and functions, the blue registration form, instructions on ways to make much needed contributions, and an envelope to insure your information finds its way to the Association.

Be sure to book early, plan on attending the fun filled trip to Walton's Mountain, play golf or tennis or shoot sporting clays, call an old friend or roommate....and come enjoy a terrific weekend with your AMA brothers. The pre-reunion issue of the *Bayonet*, out in February, will have any changes to the schedule. However, what *is* set in stone are the dates and the costs. No changes there.

Don't delay in getting a hotel reservation. While we moved the reunion back a week so we will not be in competition with area commencements, you still need to make your hotel reservations early. The list of area hotels and motels, below, will help you.

So, make your plans NOW to attend Reunion 2004! See you there!

Garry Granger
President
Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Association

Don't be disappointed. Make your hotel reservations NOW for Reunion 2004!

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Holiday Inn Golf & Conference Center

\$78 a night + tax
1/800/932-9061
or 540/248-6020

OFFICIAL HOTEL

Quality Inn
\$65 a night + tax
540/248-5111

The two hotels listed above are at Exit 225 off I-81 at Virginia Route 275. Most functions will be at The Holiday Inn.

OTHER STAUNTON HOTELS

Regency Inn, 268 N. Central Avenue
540/886-5330

Comfort Inn, 1302 Richmond Road
540/886-5000

Hampton Inn, 40 Payne Lane
1/800/426-7866 or 540/886-7000

Guest House Inn (formerly Shoney's)
42 Sangers Lane
1/800/552-4667 or 540/885-3117

Microtel, 200 Frontier Drive
1/877/877-8439

EconoLodge, 1031 Richmond Road
1/800/424-6423 or 540/885-5158

Super 8 Motel, 1015 Richmond Road
1/800/800-8000 or 540/886-2888

Best Western, 92 Rowe Road
1/800/752-9471 or 540/885-1112

Sleep Inn, 222 Jefferson Highway
1/800/488-8750 or 540/887-6500

VERONA

Ramada Inn
1/866/718-8982 or 540/248-8981

The AMA Alumni Association does NOT make hotel reservations. Make your hotel reservations early, and BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR REUNION REGISTRATION

The Tentative Schedule for Reunion 2004

THURSDAY 22 APRIL

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open
Continuing exhibit - AMA honors its veterans of World War II

Noon - 4 PM . . . Early Bird registration
Hospitality Tent and PX open - Holiday Inn

Noon - 1 PM Casual golf tee times
Staunton Country Club

5:00 - 7:00 PM . . . Early Bird Reception
Staunton Country Club

7:30 PM Hospitality Tent reopens
Holiday Inn

FRIDAY 23 APRIL

9:00 AM - 6:30 PM Registration
Hospitality Tent and PX open - Holiday Inn

8:00 AM Silent Auction begins
Holiday Inn registration area

8:30 AM . Golfers register/photos made
Staunton Country Club

8:30 AM Tour of Walton's Mountain
Lunch at the Wintergreen Resort
Meet in parking lot near Hospitality Tent
Motorcoach courtesy of **Bob Hume, '63**
Hosted by
Bev and **Frank Williamson, '60**

9:30 AM . AMA Open Golf Tournament
Staunton Country Club

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open
AMA Campus

1:00 PM AMA Fun Tennis
Staunton Country Club

4:30 PM Walton's Mountain tour
returns to Holiday Inn

5:30 - 6:30 PM AMA Reception
Hospitality Tent
Attire: Coat and tie

7:00 PM Awards Banquet
Holiday Inn Ballrooms
Cash bar AMA Scholarship Awards
open at 7 AMA Alumni Medals
Dinner served at 7:30 PM

9:00 PM Hospitality Tent reopens
The Silent Auction continues

SATURDAY 24 APRIL

7:30 AM Continental breakfast
Hospitality Tent
Class meetings and class photos

9:00 AM . Annual membership meeting
followed immediately by
AMA Alumni Board of Directors
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open

11:00 AM Display of military equipment
AMA Parade Field

11:45 Soupie by Bugler **Phil Myers, '71**
Bagpiper leads group into AMA Gym

11:55 PM Luncheon
AMA Gymnasium
featuring a speaker of note
Awarding of certificates to the Class of '84

Immediately following luncheon,
Founders Day ceremonies will be held at
the Howitzer (*In case of rain, ceremonies*
will be held in the gym)

2:30 PM . Alumni House/Museum open

3:00 PM Drill competition
Area military schools
Parade Grounds

3:00 PM Sporting clays shoot
Flying Rabbit
Harrisonburg

4:30 PM Alumni House/Museum closes

5:00 PM Tequila Sunset Party
Tequila shooters
Hospitality Tent

7:15 PM until Barbecue and dance
with a DJ
Hospitality Tent

9:30 Silent Auction closes

SUNDAY 25 APRIL

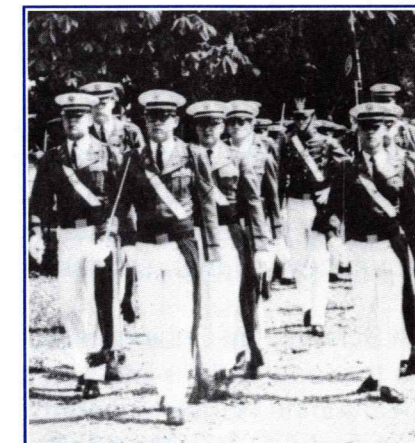
9:00 AM Prayer breakfast
Coach Bill Ralph
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open

11:00 AM Sunday Service
Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church

Cadets to march at AMA again!

As we went to press with this Reunion 2004 promotion, plans were being made to have area



military prep schools compete against each other on the AMA Parade Grounds on the Saturday afternoon of the 2004 reunion. AMA Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, '71**, said that Fishburne Military School and Massanutten Military Academy are being invited to the drill exhibition which will be judged by an officer from VMI.

Except for the uniforms, it will be like old times. Marching feet, snappy drills and straight lines all are anticipated.

More details in the next issue of *The Bayonet*!



AMA Legacy Scholarships will be given at the Friday Awards Banquet

Is your son or daughter,
grandson or granddaughter,
great-grandson or great-granddaughter
in college or about to go
to college?
Then, you'll want to get an application for an
AMA Legacy Scholarship.

The scholarships are worth \$2,000 each, and in 2004 for the first time, emphasis will be given to young people who are just graduating from high school and who will be entering an institution of learning beyond high school for the first time.

AMA Scholarship Chairman **Bruce Orenstein, '69**, says that applications are now available from the AMA Alumni House/Museum. Phone 540/248-3007, or FAX 540/248-4533. Send a letter to: Scholarships, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0100. E-mail: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com.

Scholarships are given annually to the direct descendants of AMA alumni who are 25 years old or less, and are either enrolled in or about to enroll in an institution of learning past the high school level. The scholarships are paid directly to the institutions.

Descendants can be natural, adopted or step children, grandchildren, etc.

Completed applications must be returned no later than 19 March 2004.

Judging is done by an independent educator who has no relationship to the AMA Alumni Foundation or the AMA Alumni Association or to any officers or board members of either organization.

Ask for an application now, and be sure that it is returned by the **19 March 2004 DEADLINE!**

The Sporting Clay Shoot: a great way to spend an April afternoon

When is the last time you fired a shotgun? It doesn't really matter because whether you are an expert or a novice, there is much fun to be had at AMA's annual Sporting Clay Shoot to be held during Reunion 2004 on Saturday afternoon 24 April.

Blaine Clarke, '72, has arranged for each of the last five shoots and has scheduled this year's again at the Flying Rabbit near Harrisonburg. "You can fire your own weapon or you can borrow one," says Clarke. "We are just out to have an April afternoon of good fun."

In 2003, **Ed Chauncey, '49**, his son-in-law and his grandson won three of the five top prizes. Ed's grandson, Justin Miller, broke the most clays in last year's event.

The shoot begins after the Founder's Day activities are completed on the AMA campus and at the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery, usually around 3 PM.

If you would like more information about the event, contact Blaine at: nuroses53@aol.com.

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The Sporting Clay Shoot winners at Reunion 2003. Come out for the 2004 event 24 April!

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Registration Form PLEASE PRINT

Name _____
Class, if applicable _____
Your address _____
City, State, ZIP _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Name you want on your name tag _____

Name(s) of guest(s) - If children, give age(s) _____



**Make checks payable to: AMA Alumni Association, Inc.
Mail to: Reunion 2004, PO Box 101
Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101**

Card number _____ Expires _____

Signature required for credit card charge _____

Please return registration by 2 April 2004
so we can plan meal functions

Make hotel reservations DIRECTLY with the hotel of your choice.
The Headquarters Hotel is the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center
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Complete this section if you are going on the Friday trip:

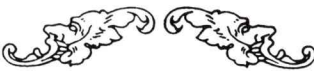
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_____ Number of people in your party who will take the trip

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**Using VISA or MasterCard?
FAX your registration to: 540/248-4533**



River.



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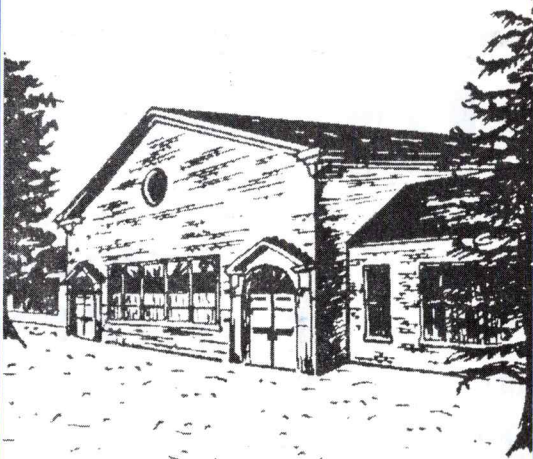
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WALTON'S MOUNTAIN MUSEUM

The Schuyler Community Center
on Walton's Mountain

Step back in time...take a beautiful drive to the quaint village of Schuyler, childhood home of Earl Hamner, Jr. The Museum is located in the old school and features:
30 min. video - 6 rooms replicating the TV sets - "Ike Godsey's Store" -
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Schuyler, Virginia
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Select A and C or B and C!

A: ENTIRE REUNION WEEKEND

Hospitality Tent plus all Thursday, Friday and Saturday meal
functions, including Saturday breakfast in Hospitality Tent.
Does NOT include Friday trip to Walton's Mountain.
Per person \$99 Total _____
Per couple \$198 Total _____

B: FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS ONLY

Thursday evening 22 April Reception
Per person \$20 * Total _____
Friday 23 April Trip to Walton's Mountain
Per person \$36 Total _____
Friday 23 April Awards Banquet
Per person \$30 * Total _____
Saturday 24 April Luncheon in AMA Gymnasium
Per person \$12 Total _____
Saturday evening 24 April Dance Party
Per person \$30 * Total _____

* Includes Hospitality Tent receptions and parties

NOTE: Children, 13-17, half price!
Children 12 and under, FREE

C: A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION

We hope you will decide to make a tax deductible
donation to the AMA Alumni Foundation. Select below:

The \$100 CLUB _____
ONE DAY CLUB (\$167) ** _____
THREE DAY CLUB (\$500)*** _____
PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL (\$1,000) _____
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS _____
MUSEUM CONTRIBUTION _____
SUPPORT OF THE BAYONET _____
OPERATING FUND _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

** \$167 supports our work for one day
*** \$500 supports our work for three days

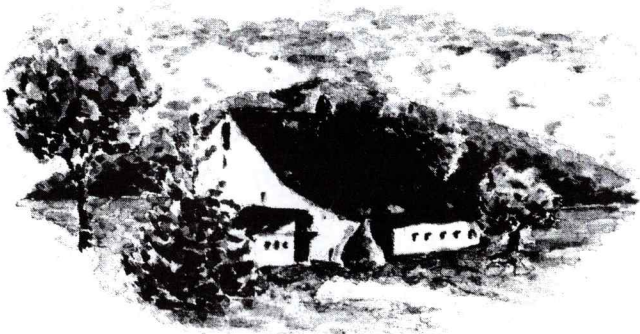
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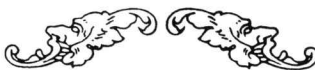
Wintergreen
VINEYARD & WINERY



Experience renowned hospitality and award-
winning wines while soaking in panoramic
mountain views at this family owned and operated
winery.

Located in the beautiful Rockfish Valley of
Nelson County, Virginia near the Blue Ridge
Parkway, Wintergreen Winery offers spectacular
scenery throughout the seasons. The vineyard sites
are well-suited to the growing of Vinifera and
Hybrid varieties that produce a wide array of
premium wines.

Nestled inside a 19th century farm building
is the state-of-the-art winery operation, a
comfortable tasting room and a delightful gift shop
filled with unique items. Light picnic fare is
available to enjoy at the scenic picnic area on
winery grounds near the South fork of the Rockfish
River.



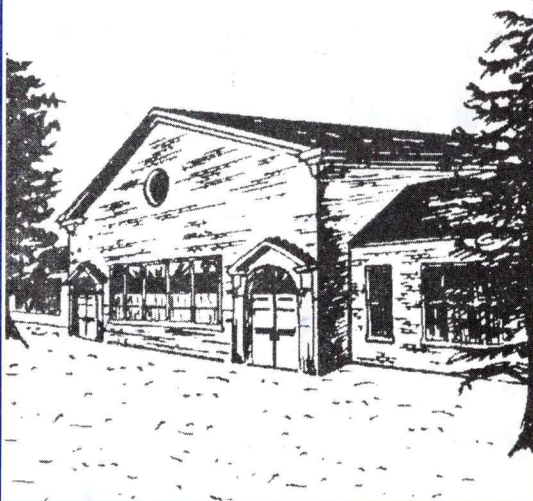
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Time to nominate for Alumni Medals

Nominations for the 2004 AMA Alumni Medal are now being solicited. This will be the 6th year that the medals will be awarded to those who have provided extraordinary service to the AMA Alumni Association and the AMA Alumni Foundation.

Winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet on Friday 23 April during Reunion 2004.

Individuals nominated may have done some very special thing for AMA or may have, with a series of smaller contributions, done great service to Augusta. Those who have received medals in the past may receive them again though members of the AMA Medals Committee may not be considered during the year they serve on the committee.

AMA alumni, faculty and friends all may nominate someone for the honor. The medals can be presented to alumni, faculty members or any good friend of AMA whether or not he or she attended AMA.

AMA Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, '71**, has appointed **Bob Bradford, '50**, to chair the committee again. Other members of the committee are **John Hash, '70**, **Frank Williamson, '60**, **Rod Willey, '51**, **Gary Nicholson, '70**, and **Granger**.

Medal winners in 2003 were **Paul Bratton, '48**, **Ed Chauncey, '49**, **Hilton Roller Grasty, Bob Hume, '63**, the late **Ronnie Mahanes, '53**, **Bob Rhea, '47**, and **Frank Spencer, '49**. 2002 medalists were **Dave Conrad, '59**, **Duke Fancher, '58**, **Bob Harris, '54**, **Sergeant Joe Josephson, Goodloe Saunders, '57**, **Steve Trent, '70**, **Jerry Wildman, '57**, and **Willey**.

The medal, shown at left, hangs from a blue and white ribbon. On the obverse of the medal, the recipient's name and class, if an alumnus, are engraved.

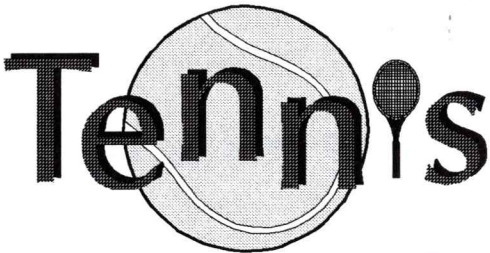
Other past winners are **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, **Sergeant Don Studer, Gordon Metz, '68**, **B.J. d'Orsay, '70**, **Chief Chester Cole**, the late **Mickey Gordon, '39**, **Tommy Simmons, '52**, **Steve Pearson, '72**, **V.P. Leavel, '39**, the late **Bill Gray, '37**, **Ed Click, '50**, **Nicholson**, **Williamson** and **Bradford**.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:
AMA MEDAL

P.O. BOX 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437
or FAX 540/248-4533, or AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING ENTRIES:
26 MARCH 2004 !

Think about the people who deserve this recognition, and please have your nomination in by the deadline.



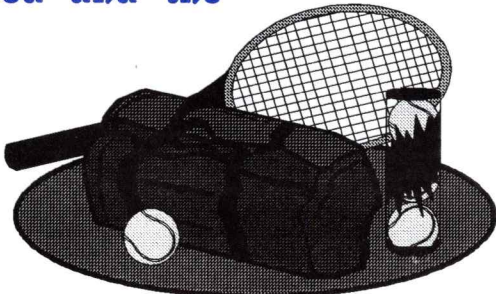
Ready for an easy afternoon of tennis?

That's what is planned for Reunion 2004. You don't have to be a pro to play! Heck, you don't even have to be a good amateur! Just a nice afternoon on the courts with other sore-muscled, out-of-shape **AMA** folks.

We have reserved the courts at the Staunton Country Club for Friday afternoon 23 April at 1 o'clock. Dig your racquet out of the closet and be there. Balls will be furnished and the courts are paid for.

All we need is YOU for a wonderful afternoon of tennis and good fun.

Ladies, you are cordially invited!



SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 2004 AMA GOLF OPEN

Can you help us get "goodies" for the players?

Each year, we have been able to obtain some very nice prizes for the players. We're looking for caps, balls, golf tees, towels, umbrellas and such. We'll also take cash!

If you can help us make the tournament a success, send your contribution to **Mickey Toms, '67**
5597 Brownsville Road
Charlottesville, VA 22903
434/823-8476

4 person team scramble (Captain's choice)
Use every player's tee shot twice - Lowest score wins!

Proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation

Everyone welcome - men, women, teens

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd & last place! Best putt! Longest drive! Closest to the pin!

FEES: \$100* per person includes 18 holes, greens fees, cart, refreshments, box lunch, goody bags, prizes, and a donation to AMA. * Includes two mulligans.

Staunton Country Club
Friday 23 April at 9:00 AM

Deadline to enter: 2 April

SHOTGUN START * * * * *

THE 2004 AMA GOLF OPEN SIGN-UP

Your name _____ Class _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ e-mail _____

Handicap, or last three scores _____

☐ I'll play with anyone ☐ Team me with _____ Class _____

☐ We have a foursome _____ Class _____

_____ Class _____

_____ Class _____

Make check to: **AMA Alumni Association** (Be sure to put the word GOLF on your check)
Mail form to: **GOLF, c/o AMA Alumni Association**
(Photocopy OK) **P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101**

★ HONOR ★ CLASSES ★

Seven classes will be honored
at Reunion 2004

1944 ◦ 1954 ◦ 1964 ◦ 1969
1974 ◦ 1979 ◦ 1984

HERE ARE THE CLASS AGENTS:

1944 - NONE, YET ◦ 1954 - Ken Hoke
1964 - Ken Eichner, Dave Holsinger and
Phil Mattson ◦ 1969 - Bill Scarborough
and Nicky Syropoulos ◦ 1974 - Hayes
Dickinson, Corey Koenig and Bill Bruder
◦ 1979 - Ed Iskow ◦ 1984 - Chris Meek



Contact your class agent to see what plans there are for your special reunion year!



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